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ACJIC PARTICIPATES IN ALABAMA LAW ENFORCEMENT DISASTER COORDINATION GROUP, RESPONSE TO HURRICANE ISSAC

(Montgomery, AL) - The Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center (ACJIC) has been selected to participate in the **Alabama Law Enforcement Disaster Coordination Group**, which was established to coordinate state law enforcement efforts, personnel and equipment during disasters or situations involving a state of emergency.

The *Alabama Law Enforcement Disaster Coordination Group* was assembled by the *Integrated State Law Enforcement Task Force* to maximize utilization of resources, eliminate duplication of service, achieve greater efficiencies, minimize cost and, most importantly, protect the citizens of Alabama during emergency and/or disaster situations. The Task Force, created by executive order of Alabama Governor Robert Bentley in June of 2012 and chaired by Alabama Department of Homeland Security Director Spencer Collier, is charged with looking for ways to increase efficiencies in state-level law enforcement agencies.

In addition to physically hosting the first meeting of the *Alabama Law Enforcement Disaster Coordination Group* on August 14, 2012 and assisting with coordination efforts, ACJIC also is leveraging its cutting-edge technology resources to bring Alabama law enforcement agencies together in a coordinated fashion for the first time. The group's efforts became very significant as Tropical Storm Issac developed and gained strength in the gulf region this month. The *Alabama Law Enforcement Disaster Coordination Group* is actively involved in real-time efforts of coordinating law enforcement personnel and equipment from multiple state law enforcement agencies in response to Hurricane Issac's impact on the Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana gulf coast regions.

Alabama state agencies currently involved in efforts with the *Alabama Law Enforcement Disaster Coordination Group* include (in alphabetical order):

- Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board
- Alabama Attorney General's Office (AGO)
- Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center (ACJIC)
- Alabama Department of Conservation & Natural Resources:
 - Marine Police Division
 - Marine Resources Division

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- Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division

Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences

Alabama Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

Alabama Department of Insurance, State Fire Marshal's Office

Alabama Department of Mental Health

Alabama Department of Public Safety (DPS)

Alabama Department of Revenue (ADOR)

Alabama Port Authority

Alabama Public Service Commission (PSC)

Alabama Securities Commission

The *Alabama Law Enforcement Disaster Coordination Group* is chaired by Lt. Col. Kevin Wright of the Alabama Department of Public Safety.

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